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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER VISITS HOLLAND

REF: STOCKHOLM 3836

- 1. SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME DEPARTS STOCKHOLM SEPTEMBER 11 FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS. AS REPORTED EARLIER (REFTEL), PALME HOPES TO PERSUADE DUTCH LEADERS NOT TO PRESS FOR CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL SYSTEM OF THE USSR THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CSCE.
- 2. SWEDES EXPECT THE VISIT TO BE CHARACTERIZED BY AMICABLE SPIRIT, GIVEN FACT THAT BOTH PALME AND DUTCH CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIME MINISTER UYL ARE BOTH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. IN CON-

VERSATION WITH DCM, DUTCH COUNSELOR FERRINGA COMMENTED THAT MAIN CONCERN OF PALME IN VISIT IS TO ADVANCE HIS

EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CLOSER COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN SMALLER POWERS UNITED IN OPPOSITION TO "SOVIET-AMERICAN SUPER POWER HEGEMONY." ACCORDING TO FERRINGA, PALME BELIEVES THE US HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE STRENGTH OF EUROPEAN RESENTMENT AT US-SOVIET DEALINGS, AND THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS THINK PRIVATELY WHAT FRANCE HAS BEEN SAYING OPENLY.

3. DUTCH COUNSELOR OBSERVED THAT WHILE VIGGEN IS NOT CITED ON AGENDA AS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION, IT FALLS UNDER RUBRIC OF "TRADE" AND WILL CERTAINLY BE RAISED BY PALME IN TALKS WITH DUTCH. (IN THIS CONNECTION, LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED SEPT. 10 THAT SWEDISH DEFENSE MINISTRY WILL INVITE THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, AND NORWAY TO SWEDEN IN OCTOBER FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS RE THE VIGGEN, INDICATING THAT SWEDES HAVE NOT COMPLETELY ABANDONED EFFORTS TO SELL VIGGEN AS REPLACEMENT FOR F-104.)

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